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To: Leg-Co Members

編號6381

Date 24/1/2017

2017 Policy Address

Re: Para 194, elderly, CSSA, P60

Issues on social welfare

1) We think that raising elderly CSSA's eligible age from 60 to 65 is unreasonable, unrealistic & undesirable.

2) Many organizations stipulate that employees should retire at 60, & these employees are required to leave their workplaces when they reach 60. These people seek jobs elsewhere, but prospective employers refuse to hire them, saying that they are too old. These people's MPF & savings are not enough to support their living & so, their livelihood is at stake.

3) Hong Kong must introduce & enact Age Discrimination Ordinance. Also, government should mandate that all employment contracts to end at 65.

if government really wants "to extend retirement age at 65". Furthermore, government should guarantee job offers for people between 60 and 64 who are willing to work but do not have job opportunities.

4) The Mandatory Provident Fund Authority / Ordinance allows people to receive their MPF after 60 if they cannot find jobs. That means many people cannot get employment after 60.

5) Social Security is a safety net. Now if people can only receive elderly CSSA at 65, then the net for those aged 60 to 64 is torn apart.

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5) The Policy Address also acknowledged that people aged 60 to 64 are "elderly people". Shouldn't we care for our senior citizens? These people contribute to Hong Kong's prosperity when they were young. It is fair for government to look after them when they become elderly. Hong Kong is a prosperous society & can afford to do so. Moreover, we are not asking for extra benefits. We only ask govt to retain giving us what existing policy provides to us. There is no need for extra public funds.

6) Policies are made to improve our livelihood & not to worsen citizens' conditions. Raising the elderly CSSA's eligible age from 60 to 65 aggravates the conditions of elderly people aged 60 to 64.

7) We entreat that govt understand our hardship and plight and let elderly CSSA's eligible age remain at 60. Only when the Administration enacts & enforces the Age Discrimination Ordinance, sees employers who do not extend employment contracts to retire at 65, & guarantees jobs for those aged 60 to 64 can the government then raise the eligible age of elderly CSSA to 65. Please help us.

25日 1月2017年 12時26分

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 25/1/17

To: LegCo members 編號6393

2017 Policy Address

Re: Para 194, P60, elderly CSSA

Issues on social welfare Panel

We refer to our letter dated 24/1/17 voicing our objection to raise the eligible age for elderly CSSA from 60 to 65.

Seeing civil servants retire at 60. They want to retire at 65, but the government refuses. Only new recruits will retire at 65. Government sets a bad example. How can it mandate that other employers extend retirement age from 60 to 65 (for their existing employees)?

Civil servants need not apply for elderly CSSA. But since the government declines to offer existing civil servants to retire at 65, then other employees will follow suit. Consequently those aged 60 to 64 will still be unemployed. This raise of age (from 60 to 65) is certainly not in line with government's claim that it is "to align with the direction of population policy to extend retirement age" (from 60 to 65).

We urge the government to retain the eligible age at 60, or those aged 60 to 64 will suffer unnecessary hardship, & their livelihood will be jeopardized.